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1. FONMIN COL. ROBERTO PALMA GALVEZ AND HONDURAN CHIEF
NEGOTIATOR CESAR BATRES SPEAKING TO RADIO REPORTERS APRIL 25
DESCRIBED RECENT MEETINGS WITH SALVADORAN NEGOTIATORS AS
"CORDIAL BUT DIFFICULT" AND MOVING ALONG AS WELL AS COULD BE
EXPECTED. BOTH EMPHASIZED THAT THE MEDIATION PROCESS IS JUST
BEGINNING. BATRES SAID THAT UNTIL THE TREATY IS ACTUALLY SIGNED
THERE IS NO REASON FOR OPTIMISM, BUT NEITHER FOR PESSIMISM. HE NOTED
THAT HE NEVER EXPECTED AN EASY PROCESS AS THE PROBLEMS
ARE DIFFICULT. PALMA ALSO NOTED THAT ALL NEGOTIATIONS HAVE
THEIR "UPS AND DOWNS" AND THE GOH NEVER THOUGHT IT WAS GOING
TO BE EASY...WE HAVE POINTS OF VIEW THAT ARE OPPOSED AND ARE
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TRYING TO RECONCILE THOSE DIFFERENCES." BOTH, NEVERTHELESS,
EXPRESSED OPTIMISM OVER EVENTUAL SUCCESS.

2. COMMENT: THIS PUBLIC LINE ECHOES WHAT BATRES TOLD EMBOFF
PRIVATELY; THAT WHILE DISAPPOINTED WITH WHAT IT VIEWS AS
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOES STALLING ON BORDER DELINEATION, THE
GOH IS MORE INTERESTED IN GETTING ON WITH THE MEDIATION

PROCESS THAN SEEKING PUBLIC RECRIMINATIONS FOR PUBLICITY. IT AN
AGREEMENT ON BORDER DELINEATION IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE DIRECTLY
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS HAD ORIGINALLY APPEARED POSSIBLE,
THE GOH WANTS THE ISSUE TO GO TO THE NEXT FORUM, WHICH IS THE
MEDIATOR. THE INTERVIEWS WILL ALSO PREPARE THE HONDURAN PUBLIC
NOT TO EXPECT AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE BORDER DISPUTE AND DEFLATE
SOME OF THE PREVIOUS OPTIMISM EXPRESSED BY GOH OFFICIALS.
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